

The Montana Teen Driver Education and Training Program Goals

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A formal and organized education and training program to introduce and develop good driving habits and attitudes for a lifetime of responsible, reduced risk driving that includes:

- laws for operating a vehicle,
- procedures for operating and owning a vehicle,
- using a space management system, and
- managing factors that affect driver performance.



MONTANA STANDARDS FOR TEEN DRIVER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Content Standard 1 – Laws and Highway System

Students demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the highway transportation system and the laws governing the operation of a motor vehicle.

Content Standard 2 – Responsibility

Students act responsibly by consistently demonstrating a positive attitude and respect for other motorists, by obeying laws, and through an observable commitment to safe behaviors and good decision making.

Content Standard 3 – Visual Skills

Students demonstrate and analyze the importance of proper visual skills for the safe operation of a motor vehicle.



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Content Standard 4 – Vehicle Control

Students demonstrate skill in maneuvering and controlling motor vehicles smoothly, efficiently, and safely.

Content Standard 5 – Communication

Students communicate and interact with the highway transportation system and other users utilizing prescribed, effective, and safe practices.

Content Standard 6 – Risk Management

Students demonstrate and safely apply driver risk-managing (defensive driving) strategies, behaviors, and habits.



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Content Standard 7 - Lifelong Learning

Students advocate for personal and public approaches to lifelong learning of the driving task.

Content Standard 8 - Driving Experience

Students acquire behind-the-wheel driving experience under the direction of a Montana approved driver education instructor and are encouraged to obtain additional experience under the direction of a parent or guardian with a valid driver license in accordance with Montana Graduated Driver License regulations.



Legal Minimum Requirements

- 60 hours of structured learning experiences, six of which must be behind-the-wheel instruction

Schedule

- Classroom
- Behind-the-Wheel

Program Policies

- Attendance requirements
- CDTP participation
- Completion letter
- Driving to Traffic Education

Program Policies

- Classroom make-up sessions
- BTW make-up sessions
- Tardiness
- Drive groups
- Other



Student Assessments

State Requires 82% to Pass

- Knowledge
- Skill

Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL)

Graduated Driver Licensing is a program designed to ease beginning drivers into the traffic environment under controlled exposure to help reduce the number of teen driver convictions and collisions.



GDL Effective July 1, 2006

The law applies to a teen applying for a driver's license on or after July 1, 2006, and is under 18 years of age at the time of the application, unless the person was issued an instruction permit, traffic education learner's license, or traffic education permit prior to July 1, 2006.

Prerequisites Prior to Licensing

- ☐ The instruction permit or traffic education learner's license must be held for a period of not less than six months.
- ☐ Pass the state's road test or a skills test.
- ☐ The parent or legal guardian provides written certification that states that the teen driver has had at least 50 hours of driving experience, 10 of which were at night, during which the teen driver was supervised by a parent, a legal guardian, or a person at least 18 years of age holding a valid driver's license, with the consent of the parent or legal guardian.



Prerequisites Prior to Licensing

- ☐ The parent or legal guardian presents written certification that states that during the six-month period immediately preceding application for a driver's license: the teen has not been convicted of a traffic violation, or convicted of, or adjudicated for, an offense involving the use of alcohol or drugs, and that the teen has no pending traffic, alcohol, or drug citation.
- ☐ If written certification can not be provided, the department may extend the teen's instruction permit, or traffic education learner's license, for an additional one-year period, or until the person's 18th birthday, whichever occurs first.



These prerequisites do not apply to:

- ☐ a person under 18 years of age who has been licensed in another state for at least 6 months and surrenders a valid driver's license from that state.
- ☐ a person under 18 years of age who, at the time of application for a driver's license, is an enrollee of a Job Corps Program located in Montana.

The department may require the applicant to provide current documentation of the applicant's Job Corp's program enrollment status.



First-Year Restrictions

A restricted licensee includes a person under 18 years of age who holds a motorcycle-only endorsement issued by the department and the term "motor vehicle" includes a motorcycle, except when otherwise noted.

First-Year Restrictions

Effective for one year from the date of issuance of the license or until the teen driver is 18 years of age, whichever occurs first:

- ☐ Each occupant of the motor vehicle must wear a properly adjusted and fastened seat belt, or be properly restrained in a child safety restraint.
- ☐ The number of occupants may not exceed the number of seatbelts in the vehicle.



Job Corp Students

A restricted licensee currently enrolled in a Job Corp program in Montana, may operate a motor vehicle with more than one passenger under 18 years of age, without being supervised by a licensed driver at least 18 years of age, if the teen is operating a motor vehicle as part of the Job Corp's training program

First Six Months Restrictions

A teen may not operate a motor vehicle with more than one passenger who is under 18 years of age unless:

- ☐ the teen is supervised by a licensed driver who is at least 18 years of age and is the only passenger in the front seat of the motor vehicle,
- ☐ the additional passengers under 18 years of age are members of the teen driver's family and only one passenger is in the front seat of the motor vehicle with the restricted licensee, and
- ☐ a restricted licensee may not operate a motorcycle with a passenger who is under 18 years of age.



Second Six Months Restrictions

A teen may not operate a motor vehicle with more than three passengers who are under 21 years of age unless:

- ☐ the restricted licensee is supervised by a licensed driver who is at least 18 years of age, or
- ☐ the additional passengers under 18 years of age are members of the teen driver's family.



Nighttime Driving Restrictions

A restricted licensee may not operate a motor vehicle between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. unless the restricted licensee is:

- ☐ accompanied by a licensed driver who is 18 years of age or older seated in the front seat of the motor vehicle or if the restricted licensee is operating a motorcycle, the restricted licensee is under the immediate and proximate supervision of a licensed driver who is 18 years of age or older and is operating a separate motorcycle or other motor vehicle,



Nighttime Driving Restrictions

- ☐ driving to and from home to the place of employment, or driving in the course and scope of employment,
- ☐ driving to and from home to the teen's school-sponsored event,
- ☐ driving to and from home to the teen's school where school-provided transportation is used to and from the event,
- ☐ driving to and from home to an event sponsored by a religious organization,



Nighttime Driving Restrictions

- ❑ driving for a purpose related to a medical emergency, fire emergency, or law enforcement-related emergency,
- ❑ driving for the sole purpose of transporting farm or ranch products, machinery, or supplies within 150 miles of a farm or ranch headquarters,
- ❑ an emancipated minor, or
- ❑ driving under a specific authorization for a specific purpose from the restricted licensee's parent or legal guardian. A peace officer may verify the authorization by contacting the parent or legal guardian.



GDL Violation Penalties

Fine

- ☐ A person convicted under this section shall perform not less than 20 hours, or more than 60 hours, of community service.

License Suspension

- ☐ Upon receipt of a report of a second or subsequent conviction for violation of the restricted license, the teen's driver's license will be suspended for six (6) months.
- ☐ A probationary driver's license may not be issued during the period of suspension.

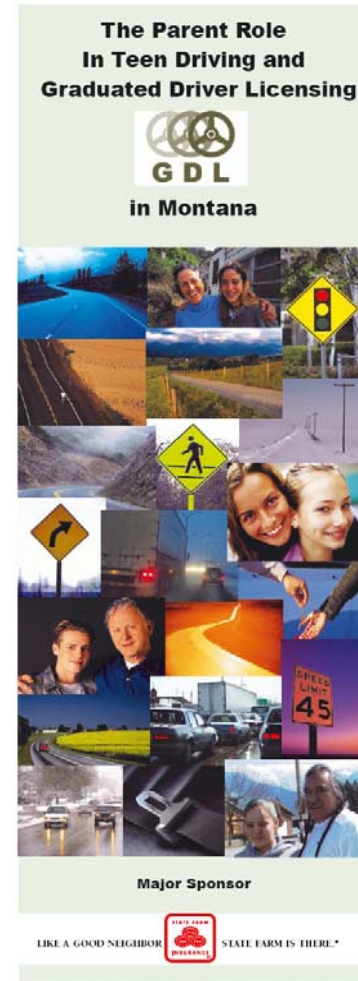


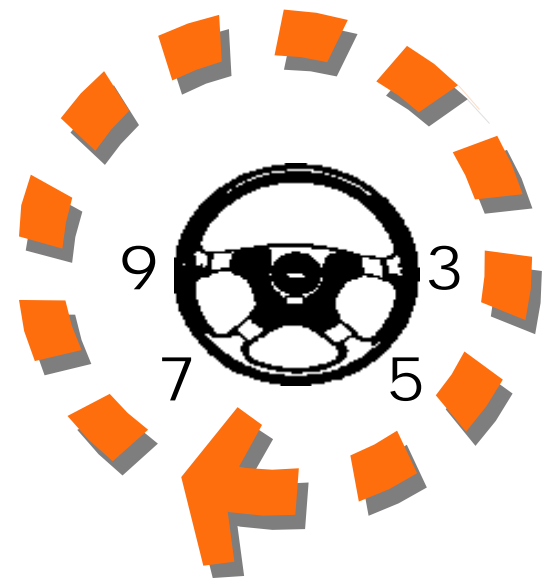
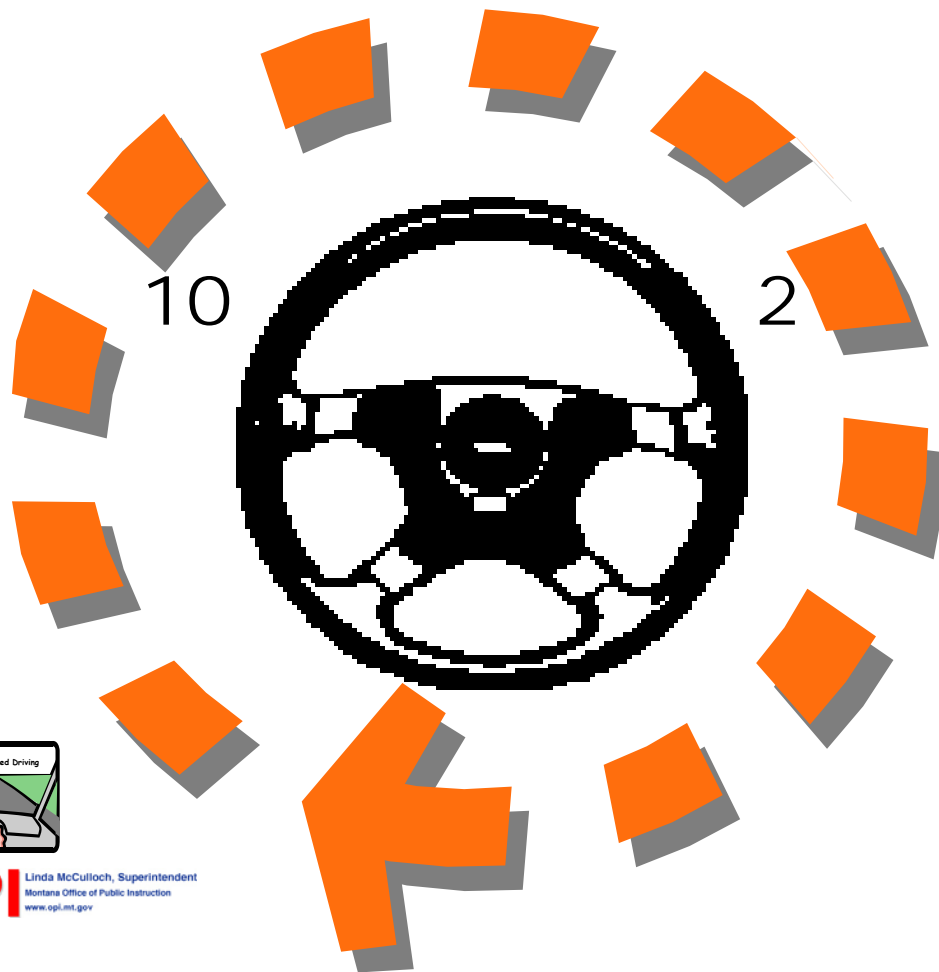
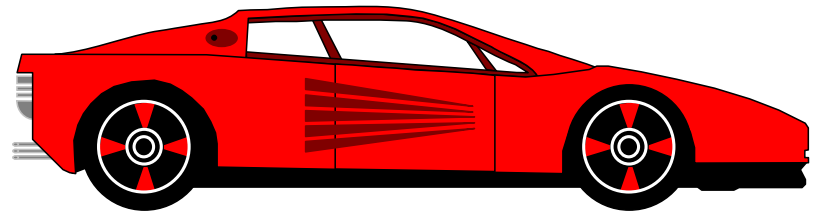
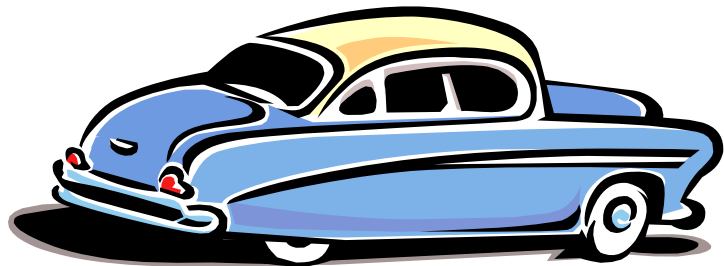
Supervising Driver Practice Guide

- GDL information
- Techniques for guiding teen driver's practice period
- Log to track practice time
- Parent/Teen Contract



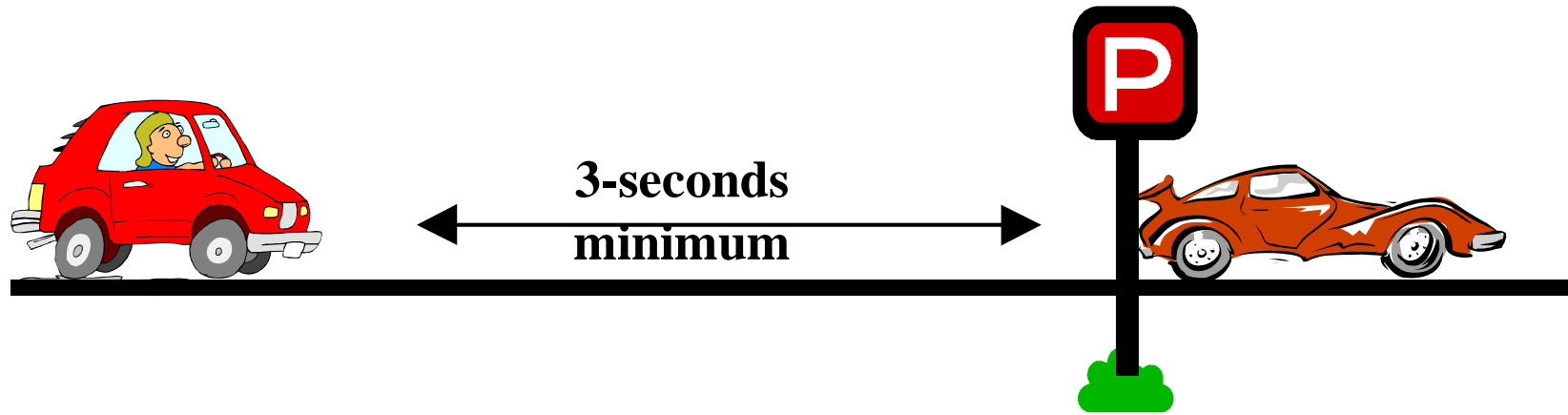
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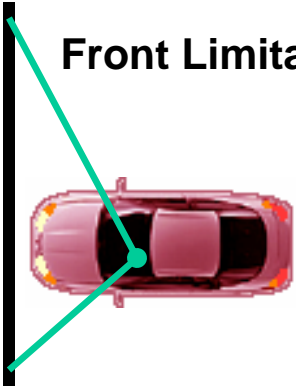
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Minimum Following Distance



Reference Points

Front Limitation



Knowing where the front end of your vehicle is when you are:

- AT INTERSECTIONS
- IN A STOPPING POSITION
- PERPENDICULAR PARKING



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Our Responsibilities

We all have responsibilities during this driver education and training program.

- Teacher's role
- Parent's role
- Student's role

Montana Teen Driver Statistics

Drivers under age 19 are 2.7 times more likely to be involved in crashes that result in death and injury.



Montana Traffic Statistics

During 2005, on average, there were:

- 61 crashes per day
- 25 persons injured per day
- One fatality every 39 hours
- One injury every 57 minutes
- One property damage only crash every 23 minutes
- One crash every 23 minutes



Montana Teen Driver Statistics

In 2002, drivers between 16-19 years old had violation rates well above the mean in areas consistently shown to be major contributing factors in collisions: **speeding, inattention, following too close, and disregarding stop signs.**



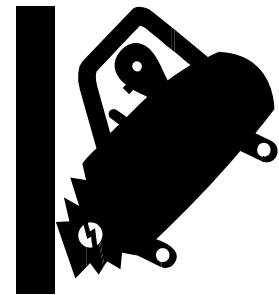
Top 7 Causes of Collision in Montana

1. Inattention/Distraction
2. Speed
3. Alcohol/Drug
4. Failure to Yield
5. Following too Close
6. Over-Correction
7. Disregard for Signals; Passed Stop Sign



Collisions - Contributing Factors

- **Speed** played the biggest role in single-vehicle collisions, contributing to more than one out of every three collisions.
- Drivers who are **sleepy, drowsy, or fatigued** were involved in 6% of the single-vehicle collisions.



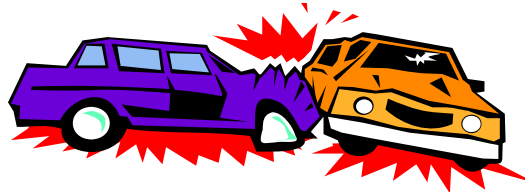
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- Overturning was the most harmful event for fatal single-vehicle collisions. **Rollovers** accounted for 66% of the single vehicle fatalities and 37% of all fatalities in 2002.
- Of the 107 people killed in single-vehicle rollovers, 23 (21%) were **wearing seatbelts**.
- Of the 84 people killed and **not wearing a seat belt**, 74 (88%) were totally or partially ejected from their vehicle.



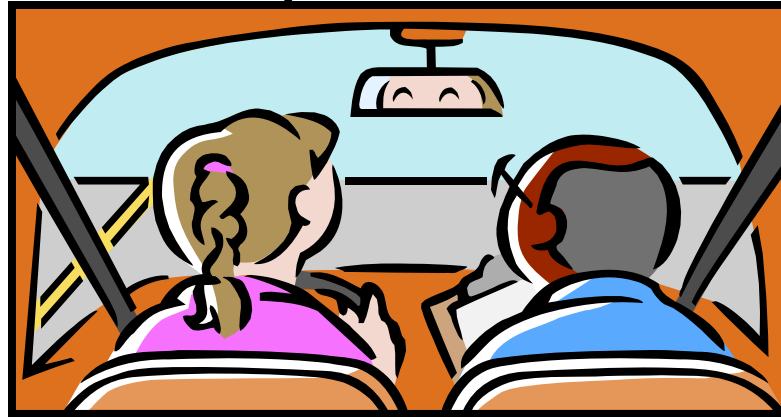
Top 10 Violations by Montana Drivers

1. Basic Rule - speeding
2. Safety restraints
3. Failure to carry insurance
4. Failure to stop at traffic control devices
5. Driving under the influence
6. Driving without privileges
7. Following too close
8. Reckless/inattentive
9. Failure to yield
10. Child safety seats



Getting Your License

- **CERTIFIED COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE (not a copy)**
- **SOCIAL SECURITY CARD (not a copy)**
- **Cancelled mail showing your name and mailing address (can't be a post office box)**



Driver License Exam Stations require TWO forms of identification.
The list of additional documents which are accepted ONLY at Driver Exam Stations can be found at
www.doj.mt.gov/driving/driverlicensing



Standards and Benchmarks

7. Lifelong Learning

- c. understand benefits of a lifelong learning approach to driving
- d. pledge a commitment to a lifelong learning approach to driving
- e. identify opportunities for lifelong education in driving

8. Driving Experience

- b. Students are encouraged to acquire additional BTW driving experience with their parent or guardian's assistance in a variety of driving situations (i.e., night, adverse weather, gravel road, etc.).
- c. Parents are advised how to assist their student, as required by the Montana Graduated Driver Licensing law, by supervising BTW experience in a variety of driving situations (i.e., night, adverse weather, gravel roads, etc.).

